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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 5/13/2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed 9/17/2007, in which claims 1-13 are pending, claims 1-4, 8-9 are currently amended and claims 11-13 are new.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Upon a second examination of the instant invention, the Examiner noticed some discrepancies that were overlooked during the first examination and some other issues that were cultivated by the applicant's response to the first office action. In the first office action, the examiner notated that although claim 2 was indefinite, the limitation of a "gear transmission" was not a part of the elected embodiment of Figure 7, and if amended to properly claim a gear transmission would be restricted. The applicant responded that there was support for a gear transmission as a part of Figure 7, as notated in the specification on page 2 line 26 through page 3, line 11, and that those limitations should not be restricted out.

Although, the examiner does not agree that those features are positively being described in the Figure 7 embodiment, at this time, for the sake of argument the examiner will concede to the applicant's position. However, the examiner therefore, does not understand how the apparatus functions, as the control means of Figures 2 and 5 do not operate in the same manner. Furthermore if the applicant is maintaining this position, then the features of the transmission gear need to be shown in combination with brake pad. Secondly, as further pointed out below, there is in

sufficient disclosure as to how the cutting head rotates and maintains a connection with the drive shaft.

Specification

3. The amendments to the abstract and specification are acceptable.

Drawings

4. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the cutting unit indicating at turned position must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New

Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

5. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the gear transmission in combination with the brake pad must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

7. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

a. The applicant's invention relates to a motor driven tool such as a pole hedge trimmer that is turnably secured to the shaft tube. However, nowhere in the applicant's specification or drawings is there any description as to how that turnable connection operates in relationship to the connection between the drive shaft and the tool head. Although not mentioned by the applicant, it is well known in the art to utilize a set of drive gears as a connection mechanism between the tool head and shaft for imparting a driving motion from the power source to the tool head. However, even assuming that applicant is similarly connecting the drive shaft to the tool head by employing a set of drive gears (i.e. bevel or miter) there is no explanation as to how the gears would be employed or function to enable the rotation of the tool head to the driveshaft, and still maintain the connection between the gears. A re-positionable tool head would not

function as intended unless it was still connected to the drive shaft. Therefore, one having ordinary skill in the art would not be able to make and/or use the invention according to the applicant's disclosure.

b. Furthermore, the applicant maintains that the gear transmission (18/19) is apart of the control means M, as shown in the embodiment of Figure 5, and thus claims 1-12 should not be restricted. However, there is no description or depiction of how the control means M, of Figure 5, cooperates with the arm, 39, and interacts to function with an outer rim, 18, of the gearbox. Especially as on page 4, lines 6-8, the specification details that "In order to adjust the angle of the cutting unit 13 with respect to the shaft tube, 12, the arm 39 is acted on whereby the turning motion is transferred to the turning rod 42." Nowhere in this description, or anywhere else in the specification is there any mention of a gear transmission or outer rim in reference to the embodiment of Figure 5, and thus one having ordinary skill in the art would not be able to make and/or use the invention according to the applicant's disclosure.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura M. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-8339. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on (571) 272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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